



By his Highness the Lord Protectors Council
for the Affairs of Ireland.



As Highness Council having taken into Consideration the length of time which the Court appointed for the adjudication of the Titles and Qualifications of the Irish, have already spent at Athlone in prosecution of that service; and of the multitude of Claims which are yet undetermined, occasioned by the backwardness and delatoriness of the transplantable persons, in the entering and prosecuting of their Claims, as by several Declarations they were required to have done. Which omission and neglect might (in the strictness of the said Declarations published in that behalf) have been penal unto them: Nevertheless the Council not being willing to take advantage thereof to their prejudice, but being rather desirous that every Irish Proprietor might have and enjoy what of right belongeth unto them respectively, have thought fit hereby to Order and Declare, That a longer time be given and

allowed unto the said transplantable persons, for the preferring and prosecuting of their said Claims, before the said Court, viz. Untill the twentieth day of May next.

And for the better preparing and dispatch of the business of that Court, the Council have thought fit farther to Order and Declare, That the said Court at Athlone be and is hereby empowered to take cognizance of, and to receive all such Claims of the Irish as shall be brought into the said Court at or before the twentieth of May next, and thereupon to proceed according to the Commission and Instructions already given them in that behalf.

And it is hereby farther Ordered and Declared, That if any Irish Proprietor shall not enter and exhibit, his, her, or their Claim into the said Court at Athlone, to any Estate, Possession, Reversion, Remainder, Right, Title or Interest whatsoever, by, or before the twentieth of May next, as aforesaid: That then, and from thenceforth no more such Claims shall by the said Court be received.

Provided always, That this Declaration do not extend to such of the Irish Natives, inhabiting in or nigh the Towns of Cork, Youghal or Kinsale; who can by sufficient testimony make it to appear, that they were or have been active and instrumental in the first year of the Rebellion, for the admission of Sir William St. Leger, then President of Munster, into those Towns, in order to preserve them and the Country from the Irish Rebels, and have continued faithful ever since to the Interest of the Commonwealth; the Qualifications & Claims of the said Irish Natives being nevertheless to be determined by a time limited, in pursuance of a special Order of this Board.

And to the intent that all persons concerned may have timely notice hereof, the High Sheriffs of the several Counties in Ireland, are hereby strictly charged and required to cause due Publication hereof to be made in all Cities, Boroughs, Market Towns, and places of most publick resort, within and throughout their several Precincts, immediately after the receipt hereof; and to return the manner, time and place of such Publication and notice to the said Court at Athlone: That no persons (concerned as aforesaid) may pretend ignorance; and that the said Sheriffs of the respective Counties do likewise with all convenient speed signify unto this Board their doings herein.

Dated at Dublin-Castle, the seaventh day of April 1656.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.

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Ordered, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Published.

Thomas Herbert Clerk of the Council.